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Report Highlights:

This report is on Malaysian government's requirements for export certificates to import U.S. food and agricultural products. It includes changes in the requirements for beef and turkey meat.

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An Export Certificate matrix is included in this report.

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Executive Summary

This report was prepared by the Office of Agricultural Affairs of the USDA/Foreign Agricultural Service in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia for U.S. exporters of domestic food and agricultural products. While every possible care was taken in the preparation of this report, information provided may not be completely accurate either because policies have changed since its preparation, or because clear and consistent information about these policies was not available. It is highly recommended that U.S. exporters verify the full set of import requirements with their foreign customers, who are normally best equipped to research such matters with local authorities, before any goods are shipped. FINAL IMPORT APPROVAL OF ANY PRODUCT IS SUBJECT TO THE IMPORTING COUNTRY'S RULES AND REGULATIONS AS INTERPRETED BY BORDER OFFICIALS AT THE TIME OF PRODUCT ENTRY.

U.S. exporters should also be aware that importers might request for additional certificates, which are not required by the authority, either to meet the demand of their own customers or for marketing purposes. For further processed food (which contains no meat), there is no known requirements for any certificate, but exporters are encouraged to acquire *halal* certification from approved Islamic Centers (<http://agrolink.moa.my/jph/dvs/kav/halal/h-usa.html>) to cater to the Muslim consumer market as Muslims account for more than half of Malaysia's population and consume foods that are *halal*. The *Halal* Certificate should accompany the shipment of products and the products to have the approved Islamic Center's *halal* logo on their packaging for marketing purposes.

Under the Control of Slaughter Rules 1975, all meat and livestock products (except pork) imported into Malaysia must be certified *halal* and the products must originate from slaughterhouses which have been inspected and approved by the Malaysian veterinary and religious authorities (JAKIM – Department of Islamic Development Malaysia). An Islamic Center approved by JAKIM (<http://agrolink.moa.my/jph/dvs/kav/halal/h-usa.html>) must supervise the slaughter and processing and issue the *halal* certificate for meat and poultry. The Islamic Center must be listed by the packing plant on the original JAKIM application form or the application must be appropriately amended to make use of a new Islamic Center.

However, in December 2006, the Department of Islamic Development (JAKIM) and the Department of Veterinary Services (DVS) declared all turkey imported into Malaysia to be non-*halal* since some importers faced difficulties in sourcing for *halal* whole turkeys from the 3 U.S. approved plants, while demand for holiday use was high. The announcement is a temporary solution to the shortage of the supply of *halal* turkey in the market. Hence, turkey is currently considered a non-*halal* product in the Malaysian market until the Malaysian authorities reverse the announcement.

Recently, in consideration of measures taken by the U.S. and in accordance with OIE guidelines on BSE, the Malaysian Veterinary authority lifted the ban on US beef produced under an approved USDA Export Verification (EV) Program. Please refer to FSIS Export Library: Meat Poultry Export Requirements for Malaysia: http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Regulations_&Policies/Export_Information/index.asp.

In December 2003, the authority imposed a ban on US beef and beef products due to the detection of BSE in the US. Suspended products include live bovines, beef and beef products and other bovine products including offal and processed proteins such as bone meal, meat meal, bone meal, blood meal, hoof meal and horn meal and other feedingstuffs (including pet food), premixes and feed additives containing the above products.

SECTION I. EXPORT CERTIFICATES MATRIX

Product(s)	Title of Certificate	Attestation Required on Certificate	Purpose	Requesting Ministry
(1) Milk and Milk Products	Health Certificate / Export Certificate / Animal Products (VS FORM 16-4) (MAY 2003)	Please refer to Section III	Veterinary	Ministry of Agriculture, Malaysia
(2) Beef	Meat and Poultry Export Certificate of wholesomeness Certificate (FSIS Form 9060-5)	Please refer to FSIS Export Library : Meat Poultry Export Requirements for Malaysia (http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Regulations_Policies/Export_Information/index.asp)	Health & Veterinary	Ministry of Agriculture, Malaysia & Ministry of Health, Malaysia
	FSIS Letterhead Certificate	"	Veterinary	Ministry of Agriculture, Malaysia
	Halal Export Certificate	"	Veterinary	Ministry of Agriculture, Malaysia
(3) Poultry or bird carcasses, products or part thereof (frozen, dried, dehydrated, salted, pickled, smoked or value-added) (Note: Turkey is considered a non-halal product in the Malaysian market effective December 2006. Please refer to Executive Summary)	Health Certificate / Export Certificate / Animal Products (VS FORM 16-4)	Please refer to FSIS Export Library : Meat Poultry Export Requirements for Malaysia (http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Regulations_Policies/Export_Information/index.asp)	Veterinary	Ministry of Agriculture, Malaysia
	Meat and Poultry Export Certificate of wholesomeness Certificate (FSIS Form		Veterinary & Health	Ministry of Agriculture, Malaysia & Ministry of Health,

	9060-5) Halal Export Certificate		Halal Certificate	Malaysia Ministry of Agriculture, Malaysia
(4) Frozen pork, dried, dehydrated, salted, pickled or smoked pork; or pork products thereof	Veterinary Health Certificate	Please refer to FSIS Export Library : Meat Poultry Export Requirements for Malaysia (http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Regulations_Policies/Export_Information/index.asp)	Veterinary	Ministry of Agriculture, Malaysia & Ministry of Health, Malaysia
(5) Table eggs; frozen liquid eggs; salted, pickled or century eggs; egg powder or egg products thereof	Veterinary Health Certificate	Please refer FSIS Export Library : Export Requirements for Egg Products (http://www.fsis.usda.gov/regulations_policies/Requirements_for_Egg_Products/index.asp)	Veterinary	Ministry of Agriculture, Malaysia
(6) Pet food	Health Certificate / Export Certificate / Animal Products	Please refer to USDA : APHIS : VS International Animal Product Export Regulations for Malaysia (http://www.aphis.usda.gov/NCIE/regs/products/pr_my.html)	Veterinary	Ministry of Agriculture, Malaysia
(7) Day-old chicks	Veterinary Health Certificate	Please refer to Section III	Veterinary	Ministry of Agriculture, Malaysia
(8) Animal By-Products; Bone meal/flour, meat meal, horn, hoof, feather or blood meal	Veterinary Health Certificate	Please refer to USDA : APHIS : VS International Animal Product	Veterinary	Ministry of Agriculture, Malaysia

of caprine, ovine or avian origin (Please note that the Malaysian Veterinary authority imposed a ban on bovine products including offals and processed proteins such as meat and bone meal, meat meal, bone meal, blood meal, hoof meal and horn meal due to the detection of BSE in the US.)		Export Regulations for Malaysia (http://www.aphis.usda.gov/NCIE/iregs/products/pr_my.html)		
(9) Goats or sheep (breeding)	Veterinary Health Certificate	Please refer to USDA : APHIS : VS International Animal Export Regulations for Malaysia (http://www.aphis.usda.gov/vs/ncie/iregs/animals/my.html)	Veterinary	Ministry of Agriculture, Malaysia
(10) Bovine Embryos	Veterinary Health Certificate	Please refer to USDA : APHIS : VS International Animal Export Regulations for Malaysia (http://www.aphis.usda.gov/vs/ncie/iregs/animals/my.html)	Veterinary	Ministry of Agriculture, Malaysia
(11) Bovine Semen	Veterinary Health Certificate	Please refer to USDA : APHIS : VS International Animal Export Regulations for Malaysia (http://www.aphis.usda.gov/vs/ncie/iregs/animals/my.html)	Veterinary	Ministry of Agriculture, Malaysia
(12) Swine (breeding)	Veterinary Health Certificate	Please refer to USDA : APHIS : VS International Animal Export Regulations for	Veterinary	Ministry of Agriculture, Malaysia

		Malaysia (http://www.aphis.usda.gov/vs/ncie/iregs/animals/my.html)		
(13) Porcine Semen	Veterinary Health Certificate	Please refer to USDA : APHIS : VS International Animal Export Regulations for Malaysia (http://www.aphis.usda.gov/vs/ncie/iregs/animals/my.html)	Veterinary	Ministry of Agriculture, Malaysia
(14) Rabbits	Veterinary Health Certificate	Please refer to USDA : APHIS : VS International Animal Export Regulations for Malaysia (http://www.aphis.usda.gov/vs/ncie/iregs/animals/my.html)	Veterinary	Ministry of Agriculture, Malaysia
(15) Horses	Veterinary Health Certificate	Please refer to Section III	Veterinary	Ministry of Agriculture, Malaysia
(16) Fish and seafood products	Health Certificate	A declaration or statement by Federal or State Health Agency that the consignment is safe for human consumption. For shrimps and prawns; crab and crab products; whether in shell or not, live, fresh, chilled, frozen, dried, salted or in brine, cooked by steaming or by boiling in water: Additional declaration or statement that	Health	Ministry of Health, Malaysia

		the consignment is free from Chloramphenicol		
(17) Tree Nuts	Phytosanitary Certificate (APHIS - PPQ Form 577) (http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppq/pim/exports/certificates&forms.html)	To certify that the plant products are free from quarantine pests, and conform with the current phytosanitary regulations of the importing country.	Plant Health	Ministry of Agriculture, Malaysia

SECTION II. PURPOSE OF THE EXPORT CERTIFICATE

Please refer to the Matrix under Section I.

SECTION III. SPECIFIC ATTESTATION REQUIRED ON THE EXPORT CERTIFICATE

1. Milk and Milk Products:

Veterinary Health Certificate

- the country or part of country or state of origin has been free from foot and mouth disease, rinderpest / peste des petits ruminants, contagious bovine plueropneumonia / contagious caprine pleuropneumonia and bovine spongiform encephalopathy for the past twelve (12) months prior to and till the date of export;
- the milk or milk products were derived from animals (cattle/goats) that have been examined, tested and certified to be free from tuberculosis and have been domiciled in the country of export in the preceding twelve (12) months prior to export;
- the animals were found to be healthy and free from any clinical sign of infectious or contagious diseases (including ectoparasites) at the time of milking;
- the milk or milk products were processed and packed in the processing / packing plant that has been approved for export by the Government Veterinary Authority of the country of export (the name, address and establishment number of the plant as well as batch/lot number and date of production must be clearly stated in the certificate);
- the milk or milk products were processed, packed and stored under sanitary condition and do not contain any preservative, coloring matter, residue or any foreign substance or harmful material injurious to health and that every precaution had been taken to prevent contamination during the processing, packing, storing and handling prior to export;

- in the case of liquid milk; that the milk has been subjected to pasteurization, ultra heat treatment or sterilization and was packed direct into satisfactory clean and sterilized bottle or container;
- in the case of milk or milk products intended for human consumption; that the milk or milk products destined for export to Malaysia are wholesome and fit for human consumption;
- in the case of milk or milk products intended for purposes other than for human consumption; should be clearly identified and labeled (in RED) as "unfit for human consumption" or "not for human consumption" or "for animal use only" or "animal feeds" or "stock feeds".

2. Day-old chicks:

Veterinary Health Certificate:

- the country or part of country or state of origin has been continuously free from Newcastle disease and fowl plague for the past twelve (12) months prior to and till the date of export;
- the chicks were hatched from eggs derived from a registered farm which is accredited to be free from Salmonella pullorum, Salmonella enteritidis, Salmonella gallinarum dan Salmonella typhimurium; and no case of fowl cholera, infectious bronchitis, infectious laryngotracheitis, infectious bursal disease, marek's disease, egg drop syndrome, swollen head syndrome, avian encephalomyelitis, salmonellosis and mycoplasmosis had been diagnosed or occurred on the farm in the preceding six (6) months prior to export;
- the chicks were hatched in a hatchery approved by the veterinary authority of the country of export and that no eggs from any other farm have been hatched in the same incubator at the same time;
- the eggs and incubators used in the hatchery have been fumigated and disinfected prior to incubation;
- the chicks were packed direct from the incubator in the hatchery into satisfactory clean and new disposable boxes for export, and had no contact with any bird other than day-old chicks originating from the same hatchery;
- the day-old chicks destined for export to Malaysia have not been vaccinated against any disease except Marek's disease, using vaccine that is approved by the veterinary authority of the exporting country;
- the day-old chicks destined for export to Malaysia have been examined by the registered veterinarian and found to be healthy and free from any clinical sign of infectious or contagious disease at the time of export.

3. Horses

Veterinary Health Certificate

- the country or part of country or area/farm of origin has been free from African horse sickness, Western, Eastern, and Venezuelan equine encephalomyelitis for the

- past two (2) years immediately preceding the date of export, and no vaccination is permitted in the country against African horse sickness.
- the country or part of country or area/farm of origin has been free from glanders for the past twelve (12) months prior to date of export;
OR
the animals have been tested with mallein with negative result(s) within 10 days immediately preceding export.
 - the country or part of country or area/farm of origin has been free from trypanosomes for the past twelve (12) months immediately preceding the date of export;
OR
the animals have been tested for trypanosomes by inoculation of whole blood into mice/rats and examined by Giemsa stained blood smears every alternate day for a period of twenty-eight (28) days with negative results;
 - the country or part of country or area/farm of origin has been free from contagious equine metritis for the past twelve (12) months immediately preceding the date of export;
OR
The animals have never been mated and is gelded;
OR
the animals have been tested for the casual agent of contagious equine metritis by bacterial culture with negative results.
 - the animals have been kept in an area or farm where no cases of diseases stated below occurred for the past twelve (12) months:
 - a) equine encephalomyelitis
 - b) vesicular stomatitis and
 - c) equine viral arteritis
 - the animals have been examined within forty-eight (48) hours of export and found to be healthy and free from clinical signs of any infectious or contagious disease including glanders, epizootic lymphangitis, ulcerative lymphangitis, dourine, horse-pox, sarcoptic mange, influenza, ringworm, strangles, infectious equine anaemia, equine encephalomyelitis, vesicular stomatis and equine viral arteritis.
 - the country or part of country or area/farm of origin has been free from equine infectious anemia
OR
the animals have been tested in the laboratory approved by the Government authority for the following diseases:
 - a) equine infectious anemia by the immunodifusion (coggins) test with negative results within 30 days preceding export.
 - b) equine viral arteritis by the serum neutralisation test with negative results at dilution of 1 in 4 within 10 days preceding export.
 - the best of veterinary surgeon's knowledge and belief that, during the 3 months immediately preceding export, the animals have not suffered from any of the diseases listed below, have been in any premise farm on which these diseases have not occurred, nor had the horses otherwise been exposed to the risk of infection with these diseases: equine infectious anemia, equine viral encephalomyelitis, rabies, scabies, anthrax, glanders, dourine, strangles, epizootic lymphangitis, ulcerative

lymphangitis, equine rhinopneumonitis, equine viral arteritis, babesiosis (piroplasmiasis), Getah virus infection or any other diseases of equines notifiable in the country.

- the animals have not been vaccinated with any vaccine within one (1) month of the date of shipment.

SECTION IV. GOVERNMENT CERTIFICATE LEGAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

1. Each consignment of milk or milk products shall be accompanied by a veterinary health certificate dated within thirty (30) days of import and signed or endorsed by a competent veterinary officer of the Government Veterinary Authority of the country of export.
2. Each consignment of day-old chicks shall be accompanied by a veterinary health certificate dated within thirty (30) days of import and signed or endorsed by a competent veterinary officer of the Government Veterinary Authority of the country of export.
3. The consignment of animals (horses) shall be accompanied by a veterinary health certificate issued by a competent Veterinary Officer of the government veterinary authority of the country of export.
4. Each consignment of fish and seafood products shall be accompanied by a health certificate issued by Federal or State Health Agency.
5. Each consignment of tree nuts shall be accompanied by a Phytosanitary Certificate issued by agencies in-charge of quarantine in the exporting country/state.

SECTION V. OTHER CERTIFICATION/ACCREDITATION REQUIREMENTS

1. For Halal certification for meat and poultry products, Please refer to FSIS Export Library : Meat Poultry Export Requirements for Malaysia:
(http://www.fsis.usda.gov/Regulations_& Policies/Export_Information/index.asp)
2. Horses
 - a. Identity
The animals should have an identity certificate or passport by a registered veterinary surgeon in the country of origin and further endorsed by a Government Veterinary Authority describing the age, breed, sex, colour, markings or other points of identification of the horses.
 - b. Description of Animal
The consignment of animal shall be accompanied by a certificate containing a full description or identification of the animals.
 - c. Declaration by Master/Captain of the Ship/Aircraft
The consignment of animals shall be accompanied by a certificate from the master/captain of the ship or aircraft in which the animals were carried stating that:

- the animals have been embarked at port or airport in U.S.A. and had not landed at any intermediate port or airport during the flight/voyage to Malaysia. Stopovers of aircraft at Honolulu and Japan may be permitted or any other port as approved by the Director General of Veterinary Services, Malaysia.
- no other animals were carried in the aircraft or ship during the time that the horses to which the certifications refer were on board the aircraft or ship.
- no fodder other than from the country of origin was carried in the aircraft or ship during the time that the animals were on board the aircraft or ship.
- the interior of the aircraft has been sprayed with an approved insecticide just prior to the departure from the airport.

SECTION VI. OTHER RELEVANT REPORTS

- Malaysia Food and Agricultural Import Regulations and Standards (FAIRS) Annual Report (Report number: MY7030)

<http://www.fas.usda.gov/gainfiles/200708/146291928.doc>

- Malaysia Exporter Guide (Report number: MY6042)

<http://199.129.102.239/GainFiles/200610/146249302.doc>

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